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APPLICANT: Eric Sprunk, et al.

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EXAMINER: Hoffman, Brandon S.

TITLE: MULTIPLE LEVEL PUBLIC KEY HIERARCHY FOR PERFORMANCE AND HIGH SECURITY

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION***This reply is being filed electronically*

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2008 concerning the above-identified application. An extension of time is requested, and the required fee accompanies this document. No other fee is believed to be due. Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks, and respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejections made in the Office Action and to allow the claims to issue.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.